

September 19, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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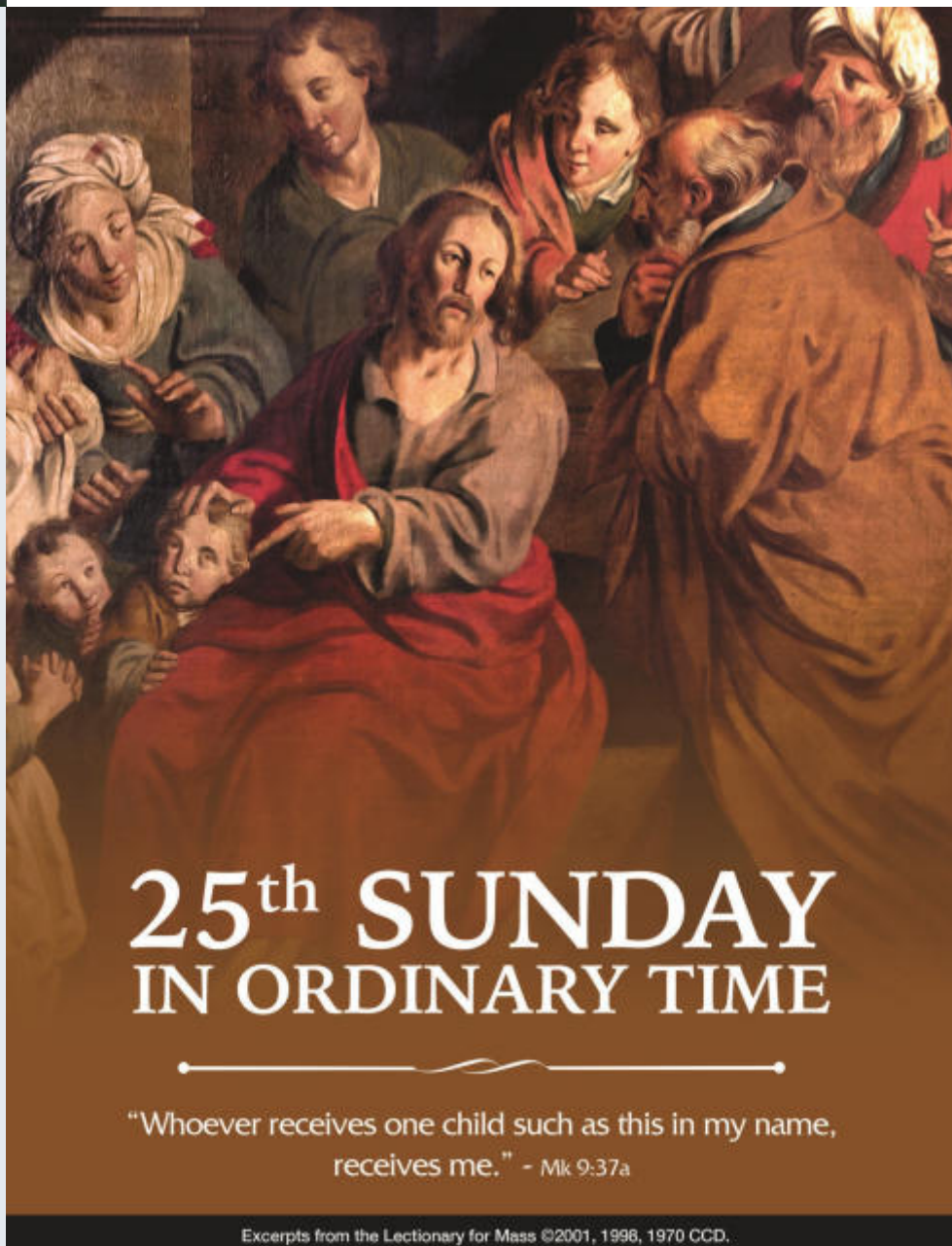
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Saturdays 4:00 PM; or by appointment

**BULLETIN
STANDARD DEADLINE:
9:00 A.M. MONDAY**

Dear Parishioners,
The Apostles were fighting over who was the greatest among them. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them is the one who serves. "If any one wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." What is Jesus trying to teach them? That our sinful pride gets in the way of our serving. This is when we are selfish when I must get my way over everyone else, when I must do things my way instead of God's way. The best way to get rid of our sinful pride is through becoming a servant. St. Thomas Aquinas says that, to love is to will the good of another. In other words, to love is to serve. Or to put it another way, when we allow sinful pride to get the best of us we are incapable of loving because at that moment we are incapable of serving. Above all, in pride, man separates himself from God. And, in fact Jesus teaches us that the tendency of fallen human nature is to crave power. Whereas when we live up to our dignity as a son or daughter of God as his precious child we give that power to him. And, in fact, there is something freeing about the saying that, "there is a God and it's not me." When we make ourselves out to be God, when we decide for ourselves what is good and evil, we sin against the first commandment. However, when we entrust ourselves to the Lord when we live this spiritual childhood as his sons and daughters, we overcome this sin of Adam and are able to serve and love God and one another all the more. Remember, one act of service every day helps the pride go away. Next weekend as we hand in our commit cards for stewardship we hand in our commitment to serve and to love. May we be generous in our response.
God Bless,
Fr. Butler

SAVE THE DATES...
SAT-WED DECEMBER 11-15, 2021
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Garage Sale Dropoff Days

October 20-21 8am-5pm
(Fall and Christmas items only)

Garage Sale

Friday, October 22 8am-5pm
Saturday, October 23 8am-1pm

RCIA OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 22, 7:15 PM Parish Center

Have you ever thought about joining the Catholic Church? Were you raised in a Protestant tradition but now feel drawn toward Catholicism? Is your spouse/fiancé Catholic and perhaps you would like to share in his or her faith? Are you a baptized Catholic who has never celebrated 1st Communion or Confirmation? Are you unbaptized but feel a call from God to draw closer to him and the Church? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, then RCIA may be right for you. If you have questions about RCIA or to sign up for the class please contact the parish office at 815 498-2010.

**First class is
Wednesday, September 29th, 6pm.**



WOMENS SOCIETY WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Hats, gloves, mittens, coats, sweat-shirts, blankets, flannel shirts, sweatpants, boots and heavy socks are needed in both adult and kid sizes. Drop off will be before and after every weekend Mass between September 25 and October 3, in the Parish Center. Call Mary Stout at 815 498-3227 if you have any questions.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION



**Tuesday, October 5
9am-2:30pm
Fr. Steve Sabo-Speaker
\$10 per person includes Lunch
All Parishioners Are Invited**

September 19, 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Meditation

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.



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SANCTUARY LIGHTS

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UNDER MARY'S MANTLE

This is St. Mary's-Plano grief support group. We will walk you on your journey from grief to healing for those who are coping with the loss of a loved one to death. Sessions are from 7-8pm on Sept 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28. Each session will lead into the next session so you are encouraged to attend all five sessions. There is no registration fee. You do not have to be Catholic to attend. Please contact Kathy Robbins at 815 970-4109 or Marianne Gustafson at 630-888-9611.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today we will hear from a parishioner who will share what stewardship has meant in their life. Reflect on how **you** are involved at St. John the Baptist. Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you come to parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our Catholic Faith? The Commitment Card you received in the mail offers suggestions for you can take a step forward in each of these areas. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next weekend or fill one out online at the parish website!



September 5, 2021-\$3588.00
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MASS INTENTIONS

September 20-26, 2021

Monday 8:00 am James Heim
Req by Connie Mangiardi
Tuesday 8:00 am Thomas Butler
Req by Joe & Sharon Dillett
Wednesday 8:00 am Fran & Sis Dewey
Req by Westbrook Family
Thursday 8:00 am Don Wegener
Req by Pat Voga
Friday 8:00 am Richard Ramos Sr.
Req by Chuck, Linda and Julie
Hickey
Saturday 5:00 pm Harriet Fanchi
Req by Joseph Fanchi
Sunday 8:00am George & JoAnn Weseman
Req by Jeff Weseman
11:00am Pro Populo
People of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

September 25-26, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 11:00am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

ALTAR SERVERS

September 25-26, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

Sunday 11:00 am N/A

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

11:00 am N/A

THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, September 18-19
Stewardship Witness Weekend at All Masses

SUNDAY, September 19, 2021

First Day of Religious Ed and Parent Meeting 9:15am

WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021

Student Confirmation Meeting 7:00 pm

RCIA Open House 7:15 pm

FRIDAY, September 10, 2021

Pray Rosary at the Grotto 8:30 am

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, September 25-26

Stewardship Commitment Weekend at All Masses

Clothing Drive before/after all Masses

MONDAY, September 27, 2021

Confirmation 5:30pm



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezz 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezz 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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